

**TOWN OF LA POINTE  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2010  
At 5:00 PM At Town Hall**

**I. Approval of Annual Budget Report:** Motion to approve the 2009 Budget Report. Burke Henry/Jim Patterson All in favor; none opposed. MC

**II. Approval of Minutes: Annual Town Meeting 4/14/09 & 11/30/09** Motion to approve both sets of minutes as presented. Mike Starck/Paul Huber. All in favor; none opposed. MC

**III. Issues from the People**

A. Gary Russell reads a letter (attached) in which he requests that the Town Board and the Police Department collaborate on a safety plan for the summer of 2010, and that it be done by Memorial Weekend. Burke Henry supports this.

B. Warren Anderson states that the street lights by his house are flickering.

C. Robin Russell asked a question about the budget, but then figured out the answer.

D. Jim Ryder requested that the sign at the south end of Snow Place Rd. be removed. Keith Sowl suggested he write a letter to the Sanitary District. Motion that Snow Place Rd. be named that all the way to the end of the road. Jim Ryder/Paul Huber. 16 ayes; 2 nays, 1 Ab. 2 Not sure. MC

E. Larry Whalen feels that the police department is understaffed during busy summer weekends and advocates hiring extra help. Discussion followed regarding Star Bar weekend. The Town Board will address this starting at its Regular Town Board Meeting on April 27, 2010.

F. Greg Nelson stated that Marie & Jim Noha wish to purchase a small piece of land (which is adjacent to the library) from the Town. Discussion followed. Motion to authorize the Town Board to negotiate with the Nohas for a CSM and possible purchase of the rectangular portion (as presented on their map) with the Nohas to pay the appraised price according to an appraisal of their choice. Keith Sowl; Robin Russell. 21 ayes. MC

G. Mike Starck asked if the Town would be interested in selling property to a developer for the purpose of building assisted living housing. Discussion followed: the consensus was that the Comprehensive Plan certainly supports this concept, but Starck's question was too vague to be considered at this time.

H. Scott Graberak proposed abandoning the Rice St. Project and instead joining Big Bay Rd. to Sunny Slope at the point at which the two roads are the closest together. Much discussion followed:

-Greg Nelson stated that this project has already been given "tremendous consideration." It continues to be discussed due to the considerable increase in cost.

-Jim Ryder agreed, stating that CAPP had thoroughly considered and discussed this plan and that there are many good reasons to proceed.

-Beth Fischlowitz stated that she is not happy asking taxpayers to pay for the cost of the Project and that it may be best to wait for the purpose of finding another funding source.

-Jim Ryder reminded everyone that the current funding is “earmarked” and therefore cannot be spent on anything else.

-Burke Henry pointed out that if the project is rejected the Town will need to return \$60,000 to the federal government. He asked if the project can be postponed.

-Keith Sowl responded that he doesn't know how long it can be postponed.

-Greg Nelson suggested that the Project could have likely been done more cheaply by the Town, but that federal dollars have strings attached.

-Burke Henry asked if it is true that the current estimate to complete the project is \$850,000 with a total Town expenditure of \$400,000. The Board answered yes. He then asked if the Town may say “No, thank you” to the government and do the project for . . . . How much?

-Greg Nelson replied that there are problems attached to doing that.

-Burke Henry asked that some price alternatives be put on paper.

-Warren Anderson stated that the plan has existed for a long time, and the completion of it is overdue.

Burke Henry asked how much gravel has been used and how much is left. Keith Sowl replied that he would do those calculations.

Motion to adjourn: Ham Ross/Keith Sowl. Motion carried unanimously.  
Adjourned at 6:10 PM

Submitted by Patty Hobin, Town Clerk